

**Introduced by Senator Calderon**

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Senate Resolution No. 25—Relative to immigration.

1 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011,  
2 there were 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the  
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Deportations have reached record levels under  
5 President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000  
6 since 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, According to Congress members Raul M. Grijalva  
8 and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration reportedly  
9 prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals with no  
10 criminal history have been consistently deported; and

11 WHEREAS, Increased deportations and a continuously broken  
12 immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United  
13 States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

14 WHEREAS, Separation of children from their parents,  
15 irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe  
16 consequences for young children who are left with no parental  
17 guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

18 WHEREAS, As immigration continues to be at the center of a  
19 national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement  
20 a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families  
21 together; and

22 WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 10.3 million  
23 immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are unauthorized  
24 to live in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Many members of Congress recently signed a letter  
2 requesting President Obama to suspend any further deportations;  
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4 WHEREAS, California is home to a large number of  
5 unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state  
6 should therefore make it a priority to keep families together and  
7 continue to press President Obama and Congress for a solution to  
8 our broke federal immigration system; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
10 urges President Obama to take executive action to suspend any  
11 further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious  
12 criminal history; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
14 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
15 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
16 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
17 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
18 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.